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# THE BEST IN FERTILIZERS and SPRAYING

SWEET CORN	¼ lb.	1 lb.	5 lbs.
Back's Golden Bantam, Sup'r Strain.	.15	.35	1.30
Golden Cross Bantam	.15	.40	1.50
Golden Sunshine, Early	.15	.35	1.30
Golden Standard, Large, Medium Early	.15	.35	1.30
Bantam Evergreen	.15	.35	1.30
Country Gentleman	.15	.35	1.30
Early Evergreen	.15	.35	1.30
Stowell's Evergreen	.15	.35	1.30

POP CORN			
White Rice	.10	.30	1.00
Golden Hulleless	.10	.30	1.00
South American	.10	.30	1.00

EGG PLANT	Oz.	¼ lb.	Lb.
Black Beauty	.50	1.50	...
Early Long Purple	.45	1.40	...
New Hampshire Hybrid	.60	1.75	...

ENDIVE			
Large Green Curled	.20	.50	1.50
Broad Leaved Batavian	.20	.50	1.60
Deep Heart Fringed	.25	.65	2.25

KALE	Oz.	¼ lb.	Lb.
Danish Tall Green Curled	.50	...	...
Danish Dwarf Green Curled	.50	...	...

KOHL RABI			
Early White Vienna	.50	1.50	...
Early Purple Vienna	.50	1.50	...

LEEK			
Large American Flag	.75	...	...
Monstrous Carentan	.75	...	...

LETTUCE, LEAF			
Improved Grand Rapids	.20	.50	1.65
Early Prize Head, Red Tinted	.20	.50	1.65
Black Seeded Simpson	.20	.50	1.65
Chicken Lettuce	.15	.40	1.40

LETTUCE, HEAD			
May King	.25	.75	1.80
Big Boston	.25	.75	1.80
Improved Hanson	.25	.75	1.80
Iceberg Extra	.25	.75	1.80
New York—Extra Large, Solid	.25	.75	1.80
Romaine or Cos	.25	.75	1.80

MUSKMELON—PINK-FLESHED			
Golden Champlain, very early, Extra.	.20	.60	2.00
Milwaukee Market, Special, Select.	.25	.65	2.25
Tip Top, Large, Sweet	.20	.60	2.00
Bender's Surprise	.25	.65	2.25
Honey or Sugar Rock	.25	.65	2.25
Hearts of Gold or Hoodoo	.25	.65	2.25
Emerald Gem	.20	.60	2.00
Pride of Wisconsin, Special Select.	.25	.65	2.25
Osage, Extra Early	.20	.60	2.00
Osage, Improved	.20	.60	2.00
Honey Ball	.25	.65	2.25
Honey Dew Green	.25	.65	2.25
Banana	.25	.65	2.25
Casaba	.20	.60	2.00

WATERMELON			
Coles Early	.15	.35	1.00
Harris Early	.15	.35	1.00
Stone Mountain, New, Extra	.15	.35	1.00
Klondike, Sweetest of All	.20	.50	1.50
Hungarian Honey	.15	.35	1.00
Kleckley Sweet Improved	.15	.35	1.00
Dixie Queen, Early, Extra Good	.20	.50	1.50
Winter Queen	.15	.35	1.00
Citron, Red Seeded	.15	.35	1.00

MUSTARD	Oz.	¼ lb.	Lb.
Giant Curled	.15	.30	1.00

OKRA			
White Velvet	.15	.35	.75

ONIONS—SUPER STRAIN			
Southport Red Globe—Select	...	...	...
Southport Yellow Globe—Select	...	...	...
Southport White Globe—Select	...	...	...
Large Red Wethersfield	...	...	...
Sweet Spanish Riverside—Select	...	...	...
Yellow Globe Danvers—Select	...	...	...
Golden Globe	...	...	...
White Portugal or Silverskin	...	...	...
White Queen	...	...	...
White Lisbon	...	...	...
Hardy White Bunching	...	...	...

PARSLEY			
Extra Triple Curled	.15	.40	1.20
Paramount New, the Best Parsley	.15	.40	1.20
Danish Thick Rooted	.15	.40	1.20
Plain	.15	.35	1.00

PARSNIP			
Improved Hollow Crown	.20	.50	1.65
Improved Guernsey	.20	.50	1.65
All America, New	.25	.55	1.75

PEAS	¼ lb.	1 lb.	5 lbs.
Alaska, Earliest	.10	.30	1.00
American Wonder, Early	.15	.35	1.30
Little Marvel, Early Best	.15	.35	1.30
Laxton's Progress	.15	.35	1.30
Laxton, Thomas	.15	.35	1.30
Dwarf Telephone, Late	.15	.35	1.30
Gradus Tall, Early	.15	.35	1.30
Alderman, Late, Large	.15	.35	1.30
Telephone, Tall Improved	.15	.35	1.30

PEPPERS	Oz.	¼ lb.	
California Wonder, World's Best Pepper	.50	1.65	
Bell or Bull Nose, Sweet	.40	1.25	
King of The North	.45	1.35	
Large Bell or Bull Nose, Hot	.40	1.25	
Harris Early Giant	.40	1.25	
Sweet Mountain	.40	1.25	
Pimento	.40	1.25	
Long Red Cayenne	.40	1.25	
Red Chili	.45	1.25	
Golden Queen	.50	1.60	
Hungarian Yellow Wax, Hot	.45	1.40	
Milwaukee, Large Sweet, Yellow	.80	2.75	

## "WISCONSIN FINEST" Back's Highest Grade Lawn Grass Seed

This Lawn Grass Seed Mixture IS THE FRUIT OF MANY YEARS OF EXPERIENCE AND CLOSE STUDY OF SOIL CONDITIONS AND IS UNDOUBTEDLY THE BEST THAT CAN BE HAD.

It is composed of the highest grade Lawn Seeds, having the highest purity and germination there are to be had.

By its use a deep green velvety sward free from lumps can be produced in from four to six weeks.

The remarkably heavy demand for BACK'S HIGHEST GRADE LAWN GRASS SEED this past year proves the quality. 1 lb. will sow 175 square feet, 100 lbs. to the acre.

**Lb. 50c; 10 lbs. \$4.50; 100 lbs. \$39.00**

### BACK'S COMPETITION LAWN SEED

A mixture of Kentucky Blue Grass, Fancy Red Top, Domestic Rye Grass and Timothy.

No chaff or empty dead seeds.

This mixture will make a substantial, strong and good looking lawn.

**Lb. 35c; 10 lbs. \$3.20; 100 lbs. \$30.00**

PUMPKIN	Oz.	¼ lb.	Lb.
Small Sugar Pie	.15	.35	1.00
Large Yellow	.15	.35	1.00
King of Mammoths	.15	.35	1.00

RADISH			
Deep Scarlet Turnip, Early	.15	.35	1.00
Early Scarlet Turnip, White Tip	.15	.35	1.00
Early Scarlet Globe, Extra Select	.15	.35	1.00
Crimson Giant Turnip	.15	.35	1.00
French Breakfast	.15	.35	1.00
Scarlet Turnip, White Tip	.15	.35	1.00
White Icicle	.15	.35	1.00

WINTER RADISH			
Round Black Spanish	.15	.35	1.00
Long Black Spanish	.15	.35	1.00
Scarlet China	.15	.35	1.00

RUTABAGA			
American Purple Top	.15	.50	1.50
Danish Bangholm	.15	.50	1.50
Golden Neckless Danish	.15	.50	1.50

SALSIFY OR OYSTER PLANT			
Mammoth Sandwich Island	.20	.60	1.90

SPINACH			
King of Denmark, Genuine	.15	.30	.75
New Long Standing Bloomsdale	.15	.30	.75
Bloomsdale Savoy Leaved	.15	.30	.75
Giant Thick Leaved, Nobel	.15	.30	.75
New Zealand, All Summer	.20	.60	...

SQUASH—SUMMER			
Summer Crookneck—Giant	.15	.45	1.40
Yellow Straight Neck	.15	.45	1.40
Early Prolific, Straightneck	.15	.45	1.40
Early White Bush Scallop	.15	.45	1.40
Vegetable Marrow, Italian	.25	.65	2.00
Danish Graskar, Green	.25	.65	2.00
Danish Graskar, Yellow	.25	.65	2.00

SQUASH—WINTER			
True Hubbard	.20	.55	1.70
Warted Hubbard, Chicago	.20	.55	1.70
Golden Hubbard	.20	.55	1.70
Table Queen, New and Extra	.20	.55	1.70
Delicious	.20	.55	1.70

TOMATO	Oz.	¼ lb.	
Earliana—Selected Special Certified	.40	1.25	
Bonny Best—Select Certified	.40	1.25	
John Baer—Select	.40	1.25	
Stokesdale, Certified	.50	1.50	
Early Detroit, Early Pink	.40	1.25	
June Pink	.40	1.25	
Marglobe—New Blight Resistant	.40	1.25	
Pritchard—New Blight Resistant	.40	1.25	
Gulf State Market, Large Pink	.50	1.50	
Ponderosa	.50	1.50	
Golden Queen	.40	1.30	
Oxheart, New	.60	2.00	
Rutgers, Certified	.50	1.50	
Red and Yellow Pear	.40	1.25	
Yellow and Red Plum	.40	1.25	
Red and Yellow Cherry	.40	1.25	
Yellow Husk or Ground Cherry	.40	1.25	

TURNIP	Oz.	¼ lb.	Lb.
Early Purple Top, Strap Leaved	.15	.35	1.00
Purple Top White Globe	.15	.35	1.00

HERBS—PRICE PER PKT. 10c.			
Caraway; Dill, Mammoth; Lavender; Marjoram, Sweet; Rosemary; Savory, Summer; Sage, Broad Leaved; Thyme; Wormwood.			

## NOTICE!

### Non-Warranty

We give no warranty, express or implied, as to description, quality, productiveness or any other matter of any seeds we send out, and will not be in any way responsible for the crop.

*We offer a complete assortment  
of the Best Flower Seeds.*



ASPARAGUS	Oz.	¼ lb.	Lb.
Martha Washington Rust Proof.....	.15	.40	1.25
Mary Washington Rust Proof.....	.15	.40	1.25

BEANS—BUSH WAX PODDED	¼ lb.	1 lb.	5 lbs.
Improved Golden Wax.....	.15	.35	1.30
Pencil Pod Black Wax.....	.15	.35	1.30
Unrivald Wax .....	.15	.35	1.30
Stringless Kidney Wax.....	.15	.35	1.30

BEANS—BUSH GREEN PODDED			
Giant Stringless Green Pod.....	.15	.35	1.30
Stringless Black Valentine.....	.15	.35	1.30
Bountiful Stringless .....	.15	.35	1.30
Ferry's Plentiful .....	.15	.35	1.30
Tendergreen .....	.15	.35	1.30
Navy Beans .....	.10	.25	.90

BEANS—BUSH LIMA			
Burpee's Improved Lima.....	.15	.35	1.30
Henderson's Bush Lima.....	.15	.35	1.30
Fordhook Bush Lima.....	.15	.35	1.30

BEANS—POLE LIMA			
King of the Garden.....	.15	.35	1.30

BEANS—POLE			
Kentucky Wonder Green .....	.15	.35	1.30
Kentucky Wonder Wax .....	.15	.35	1.30
Scarlet Runner Red Flowers.....	.15	.35	...
Dutch Case Knife.....	.15	.35	1.30

BEETS—FOR TABLE	Oz.	¼ lb.	Lb.
Extra Early Egyptian.....	.25	.55	1.75
Crosby's Egyptian Select.....	.25	.55	1.75
Detroit Dark Red Special.....	.30	.65	2.10
Detroit Dark Red Select.....	.30	.60	2.00
Early Wonder Dark Red.....	.25	.55	1.75

SWISS CHARD			
Lucullus .....	.20	.60	1.50

COW BEETS OR MANGELS			
Mammoth Long Red .....	.20	.50	1.60
Golden Tankard .....	.20	.50	1.60
Danish Sludstrup Genuine.....	.20	.50	1.60

BROCCOLI			
Italian Green Sprouting .....	.70	2.00	...

BRUSSELS SPROUTS			
Danish Perfection .....	.75	2.35	...
Long Island Improved.....	.75	2.35	...

CABBAGE—TESTED SEED			
The most Reliable, Purest, Tested, Proven and Best Strains to be had. Our Cabbage Seeds have been recognized THE BEST for the last twenty-five years.			
Golden Acre Genuine. Very Early....	.60	1.75	6.00
COPENHAGEN MARKET .....	.50	1.50	5.00

BACK'S COPENHAGEN MARKET—			
Extra Select Early Strain.....	.60	1.75	6.00

## 1943 Seed Price List

### IMPORTANT NOTICE ON PRICES

Owing to extraordinary conditions due to war, together with crop shortages and failures, prices for 1943 must be subject to change without notice.

	Oz.	¼ lb.	Lb.
BACK'S GLORY—Selected Strain ...	.40	1.25	4.00
BACK'S HOLLANDER—			
Own Strain, Selected .....	.70	2.00	7.00
FERRY'S HOLLANDER—			
Own Strain, Selected .....	.70	2.00	7.00
Penn State Ballhead, Genuine.....	.50	1.50	5.00
Danish Ballhead, Short Stem.....	.60	1.75	6.00
Savoy Cabbage, Perfection .....	.35	1.00	3.50
Chinese or Celery Cabbage .....	.60	1.75	4.00
Mammoth Rock Red, Select .....	.60	1.75	6.00
Danish Dark Red Stonehead.....	.60	1.75	6.00
First Prize Solid Dark Red.....	.60	1.75	6.00

Racine, Wis., is known to the world as the home of Yellows Resistant Cabbage—All the varieties are:

PROVEN YELLOWS RESISTANT			
Jersey Queen, Pointed Heads.....	.45	1.35	4.50
Early Detroit, Yellows Resistant.....	.50	1.50	5.00
Marion's Market, Early .....	.40	1.25	4.00
Wisconsin Globe, Round Heads.....	.40	1.25	4.00
Wisconsin, All Season .....	.40	1.25	4.00
Wisconsin Hollander or Imp. No. 8....	.40	1.25	4.00
Wisconsin Ball Head .....	.70	2.00	7.00
Improved Bugner, Our Own Strain....	1.00	3.00	10.00
Bugner, American Grown .....	.60	1.75	6.00
Back's American Shipper — America's Best Late Hollander and Yellows Resistant Cabbage, Own Strain.....	.50	1.50	5.00
Wisconsin Red Hollander.....	.90	2.75	9.00

CARROTS			
Chantenay Red Cored, Select.....	.30	1.00	3.50
Early Chantenay, Select Strain.....	.30	1.00	3.50
Ox Heart, Short.....	.30	.90	3.00
Danvers Half Long, Extra.....	.30	.90	3.00
Nantes, Improved Half Long, Select..	.35	1.10	3.75
Morse's Bunching, Select.....	.35	1.10	3.75
Imperator, Select .....	.35	1.10	3.75
Supreme Half Long, New, Select.....	.40	1.25	4.00
Improved Long Orange .....	.25	.75	2.50

CAULIFLOWER—SUPER STRAIN			
CAULIFLOWER Super Strain. Our seeds come from the Champion Prize Grower in Denmark. None better.			
	½ oz.	Oz.	¼ lb.
Earliest Snowball, Select .....	1.75	3.00	12.50
Snowdrift or White Mountain.....	1.75	3.00	12.50
Danish Giant, or Dry Weather, Select.	1.75	3.00	12.50
New Super Snowball, Original Strain.	2.25	4.00	14.00
Dan-American, New Original Strain..	2.50	4.50	15.00

**CELERY**  
Our seeds are grown by America's foremost Celery Breeder and we believe there is none better.

	Oz	¼ lb.	Lb.
Golden Yellow Self Blanching Tall...	.40	1.25	4.00
Golden Phenomenal .....	.50	1.50	5.00
Golden Plume or Wonderful.....	.60	2.00	7.00
Crisp Heart, New .....	.70	2.25	8.00
New King Green, Extra .....	.70	2.25	8.00
Masterpiece, New, Early, Golden.....	1.00	3.25	12.00
Salt Lake or Utah.....	.70	2.25	8.00
Celeriac, Large Smooth Prague.....	.50	1.50	5.00

CHERVIL	
Dan., Extra Curled.....	Pkt. 10c

CHIVES	
Small Onion-like Plant.....	Pkt. 10c

CRESS	
Curled or Pepper Grass.....	Pkt. 10c
Upland Cress .....	Pkt. 10c

CUCUMBER			
Chicago Pickling, Select .....	.20	.55	2.00
National Pickling .....	.20	.55	2.00
New Double Yield Pickle.....	.20	.55	2.00
"A & C", One of the Very Best....	.25	.65	2.25
Clark's Special .....	.20	.55	2.00
Early White Spine .....	.20	.55	2.00
Early Fortune, Select .....	.20	.55	2.00
Davis Perfect .....	.20	.55	2.00
Improved Long Green .....	.25	.60	2.25
Ferry's Special Long Green.....	.25	.65	2.50
Evergreen White Spine .....	.25	.65	2.50
Longfellow, one of the best.....	.25	.60	2.25
Straight-8, Select Strain .....	.30	.65	2.50
Lemon .....	.30	.90	...
Small Gerkin .....	.35	.95	...

DILL			
Mammoth .....	.20	.50	1.40

### IMPORTANT:

MAIL ORDERS FILLED JUST AS CAREFULLY AS IF YOU CAME HERE YOURSELF. We pay postage.

Let me quote you prices on large quantities of seeds. We can sell you as cheaply as anybody selling pure and reliable seeds.

Dear Customers and Friends:

I wish to thank our many customers and friends for their patronage. I appreciate your business and promise you the best seeds obtainable at lowest prices.

I realize the great importance of good, reliable and honest seeds, having been a gardener for thirty years, and I wish to sell you such seeds as I would like to grow myself.

Sincerely yours,

**PEDER BACK.**

SELECTED, TESTED NORTHERN GROWN SEEDS